to other suppliers and especially the India Thermit Corporation Ltd., at Kanpur, Gwalior and other places;

(c) the number of portions bought by the Indian Railways respectively since 1984 from its own plant, the India Thermit Corporation Ltd. and other producers;

(d) the price paid yearwise to the respective suppliers;

(e) whether Government are taking steps to increase the output at the Alambagh Plant; and

(f) whether the registration for a new Plant to manufacture 'Portions' is permissible to meet increasing demand of Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Please see details against Item (c) below.

(c) Approximate number of Portions supplied by Thermit Portion Plant (TPP), Northern Railway, Alambagh, India Thermit Corpn., (ITC) and others are as under:

Year	T.P.P.	I.T.C.	Others
1984-85	69776	234974	..
1985-86	113478	247760	4750
1986-87	110153	254500	1750
1987-88	73661	205200	10750
1988-89	87868	237500	33250
1989-90	72132	302000	31000
1990-91 (Upto Feb. '91)	69993	231000	37750

(d) The price of 'Portions' varies with rail section, rail metallurgy and the type of process. Detailed information is under collection from zonal Railways for different years and will be laid on the table of the House.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The present capacity is adequate to meet the full demand of Portions which is proposed to be tapered off from next year onwards by stepping up Flash Butt Welding.

Reinstatement of workers of the Food Corporation of India, Nalgonda

1108. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Directors of the Food Corporation of India had approved the re-employment of 82 retrenched workmen of the Food Corporation of India, Nalgonda and necessary instructions were issued to the concerned officers in this regard in October, 1990;

(b) if so, whether these instructions have been implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when these workers would be re-employed as per the decision of the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) FCI is making efforts to implement the decision taken by the Board of Directors after completing necessary administrative formalities.